



Newsletter No.11 | August 10th 2011

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the winter break. It is great to see our students returning rejuvenated and ready to go. We are pleased to welcome twelve new students, eight beginning the Headstart Programme.

Springbank School Prospectus

We have been busy developing informative promotional material including a new Springbank School Prospectus, Middle School Prospectus and Student Taster. We will give each of our Springbank families a copy of the Prospectus and we would appreciate feedback. As always, word-of-mouth is the best way to promote our school, so if any of you would like to give our Prospectus to interested friends or acquaintances, please ask Sally for copies. Our enrolments for 2012 look healthy but of course we are always pleased to receive new enquiries.

Open Morning

This term's Open Morning for Preschool to Year 13 is this Thursday. Parents and visitors to Springbank are welcome to come any time between 8.40am and 12noon. Spend time in your child's class and visit other year level classes to see us in action. For parents who have children ending Year 6 and entering Middle School, this is an ideal opportunity to see the step up into Secondary School timetables and specialist teachers. Our Prefects and Principal will be happy to talk and to show you our campus.

Junior School 2012 Class Composition

Based on current student numbers and indicative new enrolments for next year, we plan to have separate year level classes for Years 4, 5 and 6 students for 2012. We will also continue to provide specialist teachers to teach individual subjects where possible, to enrich and extend our young students' learning experiences.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 11th August
Open Morning 8:40 - 12noon

Friday 12th August
Friends of Springbank
Meeting 1:30pm

Saturday 13th August
Springbank School Ball

Friday 19th August
Course Confirmation for
2012 due

Friday 2nd September
Friends Quiz Night

Air New Zealand CEO

Vincent Claus was ecstatic to learn that he has been chosen as one of only ten students to spend the day with Rob Fyfe, CEO of Air New Zealand on 11 August. Vincent was selected after writing 250 words in a competition, suggesting what he would do if he were CEO.



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Middle School

Middle School Prospectuses and information will be issued to students and parents for the 2012 Years 7-9s this week. It's interesting to note that our Middle School students are taught over 15 different subjects during those three years. If you have any questions, please contact DP Michelle Chapman. Confirmation forms are due back on Friday 19 August.

Maggi Cookoff

Springbank School's team of Year 8s Kimberley Knight, Noah Atchinson-Darby, Kendra Scott and Yuong Chaiyaklang have won the upper North Island regionals held at Papakura High School on 30th July with their innovative recipe Spinach & Mozzarella Stuffed Chicken with Egg Noodles & Cherry Tomatoes. This recipe was developed together with their tutor Chris Owen from Ake Ake Restaurant in Kerikeri.

This prestigious competition started with over a hundred other New Zealand School entries and now they are down to the final four teams.

Our team will now compete at the finals in Christchurch on 22nd August. They will be flown courtesy of Maggi/Nestle to Auckland, stay overnight and then travel to Christchurch to compete for the grand final prize of \$5,000 towards their school as well as a VIP experience on the Erin Simpson show.



Click on the link to see our team in action:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/the-erin-simpson-show/s2011-e78-video-4296517>

Headstart

We are very pleased with the interest shown in this one-year programme and it is certainly a bonus for our parents to have free tuition for their child during this time. Parent feedback as to the quality of teaching has been exceptionally positive. Just to clarify – parents who wish their child to be enrolled at Springbank School after Headstart can be guaranteed a place by paying \$1,000 deposit, which is directly deducted from their child's first term's tuition fees in Year 2. If they don't wish to commit to this, they don't have to, however this is one way to ensure their child will have a place. We also give preference to those families that currently have children at Springbank Preschool or Springbank School.

Driver Safety

The NZ Transport Agency has just developed a new, free educational resource for parents of teenagers who are learning to drive, or are in the phases of Learner or Restricted licences. The website www.safeteendriver.co.nz has information and the tools to practise driving skills and to learn how to manage risks. Did you know that if your teenager has friends in the car with them, they are ten times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash? Parents are encouraged to visit the site with their teenager and to be informed.



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ICAS Computer Skills Competition

Congratulations to the following students who achieved commendable results in this International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). Twenty eight students entered in this non-compulsory competition; and special congratulations go to Taiyo Serge who demonstrated an outstanding personal achievement, gaining in the Top 1% in New Zealand.

ICAS Computer Skills Results	Year Level	Score
High Distinction (Top 1%)		
Taiyo Serge	8	Top 1%
Distinction (Top 11%)		
Taran Kern	7	Top 7%
Jack Thurston	9	Top 9%
Luke Bramley	6	Top 11%
Credit (Top 31%)		
Timothy Richardson	8	Top 15%
Holly Sutcliffe	8	Top 15%
Megan Bramley	9	Top 20%
Jake Dawson	6	Top 22%
Simon Thurston	6	Top 22%
Lauren Harrell	7	Top 23%
Ruby Hull	6	Top 29%
Sam Sutcliffe	5	Top 31%

Springbank Ball 2011

This year Springbank's Ball is to be held at the Ake Ake Vineyard and Restaurant on Saturday 13th of August for year 11,12 and 13 students.

Tickets are available from the prefects at a cost of \$50 each. All students are welcome to bring a partner from outside of school to attend. We ask students and parents to make sure that all ball contracts are completed, signed and handed back to the prefects before ticket sales close on Tuesday 9 August. Additionally we would like to say a special thanks to Keri Design & Print for printing our ball tickets free of charge.

Our theme for this year is "Fire and Ice". As always, we look forward to the Ball as it is one of the highlights in the senior school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the prefects or Mr Webb.

Science Hands-On Camp

Students Abigail Foster and Eamonn Joyce attended a three-day Science Extravaganza in Whangarei during the holidays. This was organized by the Rotary Club and North Tec and the students enjoyed a diverse range of science activities including how to take DNA samples, monitoring water-quality and chemistry experiments.

Junior School Speech Competition

This will be held on Monday 15 August for Years 4-6 – parents welcome to attend.

Year 4 – 10.30am Room 2

Year 5 – 1.00pm Room 6

Year 6 – 10.30am Room 6

Speech Finals will take place the following week.

Preschool

Pictured is Patrick Finch from Preschool, who is enjoying a quiet moment with his favourite book:



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Fireworks Night

The Community Fireworks Night organised by Friends of Springbank is scheduled for Saturday Nov 5th. Due to last year's success, and the likelihood of an even bigger community attendance, we need to start planning it now. Louise Huett would like any ideas and feedback from parents and students on how we can improve this event, and ideas about more entertainment and food etc. Also, any help in the build up would be GREATLY appreciated.

Note for the diary: Friends' Quiz Night Friday 2 September at Ake Ake 6.30pm for 7.00pm start – teams of four \$20.00 per person including entry, nibbles and the chance to win some great prizes. Register your interest with Louise – tickets will be on sale next week in the office.

There is a Friends meeting next Friday 12th at 1.30pm in the staff room. You are very welcome to attend, or if you can offer to help in any way, please phone Louise on 401-7229.

Springbank School Enterprise Raffle

Last Wednesday our Year 10/11 Enterprise group, Shaken Not Stirred, drew out the tickets for our raffle, raising funds for us to build a playhouse for a damaged Christchurch school, Mt Pleasant. We raised approximately \$350 to put towards the project, and are extremely thankful to everyone who bought tickets for this worthy cause.

First Place (half a lamb) The Walker family

Second Place (Quarter of a lamb) Claire

Third Place (Quarter of a lamb) Mrs Chapman

Springbank Café

Congratulations to Donna MacCarthy for her great vision in establishing a fantastic new café at Springbank. Her home-cooked food is delicious and it's a popular place at lunchtime! Parents, Donna makes really nice coffee, so pop over to the café before or after school. You might also be tempted by the yummy muffins and slices. Thanks everyone for supporting this new venture. It's so good to have a real café on site.

Hockey

The Year 5-6 Hockey are looking for a couple of extra people, due to some players not being able to complete the season. Practices are Wednesday after school until 4.30pm and games are Saturday morning at the Kaikohe turf. The season runs until 24th September. Could any interested children contact Lynette Knight 09 4019299.

Shave For a Cure

The final donation to the Leukaemia Foundation was \$1,715.00. Well done to Prefects, Patrick Deely and James Richardson for having their heads shaved in the middle of winter for a good cause and thanks to all who donated.

Outdoor Pursuits Centre

During the last week of the holiday break, a group of senior students embarked on their Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC) experience. They endured bone-chilling temperatures and conquered tough mental and physical challenges. The activities included a flying fox challenge, high ropes course, The Big Swing, skiing and snowboarding at Mt Ruapehu, caving, abseiling and camping overnight just below the snow line. This was the most cohesive group that Mr Warren has ever taken to OPC. Congratulations to all of the students for showing fantastic teamwork skills.



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Market Day

PLEASE NOTE: The Market Day date has changed to Sunday 25 September (due to a clash of dates in the community)

Market Day is fast approaching and is a highlight of the Springbank School Calendar.

The objectives of the Market Day for the students is to:

- Develop an understanding of basic economic ideas (pricing)
- Develop and exercise a wide range of life skills (budgeting, communication)
- Discover that enterprise and entrepreneurship exists in many forms in our community
- Develop initiative
- Develop the understanding that for many, including themselves, economic well-being need not always rely on someone else being their employer
- Learn leadership and teamwork skills

If we can embed these concepts in our students early, it is likely to become part of the way they think and act.

We thank the parents for their Market Day feedback. The ideas will be filtered into this year's and future year's Market Days where possible. Any parent who would like to be on a Market Day committee, or to help with organization, Ms Chapman would love to hear from you.

This year also, to add to the already extensive variety of products/services, we would like to offer parents and our school community the opportunity to hold a stall. Stalls will be available for a minimum of \$25.00 donation to the Friends of Springbank. Stalls which we would like to see, that we don't have yet include:

- Massages and Reflexology
- Car wash
- Hairdressing
- Jewellery cleaning
- Video to DVD copy service
- Photograph canvases
- Beauty makeovers
- Olden Day or themed photos
- Food stalls (e.g. Stir fry, Greek food, Sunday roast, homemade bread)
- Cooking demos
- Business promotion stalls
- ... (Or any other innovative ideas)

If you would like a stall please contact Ms Chapman michelle.chapman@springbank.school.nz. We thank you in advance for your support, and look forward to a successful day.

Kind Regards,

Sophia Warren
Principal

New Staff

We welcome Tracey Miller, who is doing her seven week practicum with Bridget Foster and her lovely class.

Community Notices:

Cystic Fibrosis

10 hour sponsored Family Inline Skating - 14 August 9am-7pm, Bay Sport Waipapa

Live Music, Hockey exhibition matches, Dance routines and roller derby.

Contact Sarah Millwater 407 3116
millwaterpitt@hotmail.com

Quotes for the week:

Week 1:

Dare to believe you CAN and you WILL.

"Nobody succeeds beyond his or her wildest expectations unless he or she begins with some wild expectations."

- Ralph Charell

Week 2:

"The key to success is having a clear strategy and great execution" - Brian Gaynor



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